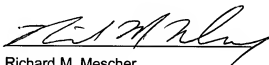


Remarks:

In the Office Actions mailed on September 25, 2006, the Examiner allowed claims 21 to 35 and rejected claims 36 to 48. The present amendment cancels claims 36 to 48, amends no claims, and adds no new claims. Accordingly, claims 21 to 35 are now pending in this application. In that all the currently pending claims (21 to 35) were indicated by the examiner to be allowable, Applicant requests a withdrawal of the previous rejection and indication of allowance of the application.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is found that the present response does not place the application in a condition for allowance, Applicant's undersigned attorney requests that the Examiner initiate a telephone interview to expedite prosecution of the application. If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 50-3915.

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